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1. TWO COPENHAGEN PAPERS' COMMEN EDITORIALY TODAY ON NIXON'S DECISION ON ABM SYST M. POLITIKEN SAYS: QUOTE NIXON HAS MADE VERY DECISION WHICH WAS EXPECTED, AND FEARED BY SOME. FROM BEGINNING OF HIS CAREER HE HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT HE IS NOT STRONGER THAN HIS PREDECESSOR IN HIS (JOHNSON'S) WEAKEST MOMENTS... WHETHER ONE WILL RECOGNIZE IT IN U.S. OR NOT DECISION IS FURTHER BLOW TO NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY... REAL REASON FOR DECISION MUST BE PRESIDENT'S FEAR. ONE FAILS TO SEEN NEW NIXON, ONLY OLD INSECURE AND WEAK POLITICIAN. IS IT VIETNAM WAR WHICH MAKES HIM WEAK TO PENTAGON'S DEMANDS?... TOP MEETING U.S.-SOVIET UNION IS BECOMING URGENT UNQUOTE.

2. BERLINGSKE TIDENDE QUOTE DECISION INDICATES THERE IS STILL LONG WAY TO JALI SLOWDOWN OF ARMAMENT RACE. DECISION DID NOT COME UNEXPECTED AND REPRESENTED CONSIDERABLE MODIFICATION OF HARD LINE NIXON HAD TAKEN DURING ELECTION CAMPAIGN... RISK BY DECISION IS THAT IT MAY ENTAIL SOVIET WORRY THAT SOVIET UNION MAY BE LATE AGAIN (FALLING BEHIND IN MISSILE RACE). THEREFORE NEGOTIATIONS TO CONTROL ARMAMENTS ARE BECOMING URGENT UNQUOTE. MCCLURE

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